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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, ADVANCED TRAINING DIVISION, TR(S)

SUBJECT: Outside Research for Investigative Techniques
Training

1. After several weeks of detailed exploration of Agency technical assets which might contribute to the proposed "Phase B" technical Investigative Techniques Course, it became quite obvious that these assets were inadequate to support this program and that considerable outside research would have to be made before this specific program can be developed. The writer suggests that a conference be held next week regarding the minimum outside research, etc., required to prepare for the presentation of this course.

2. In an effort to locate overtly available technical investigative equipment essential to this program but not currently available within the Agency, the writer made a two-day TDY trip to New York City on 29 and 30 October 1952. The following sources of such material were visited:

The Audio Engineering Society's "Audio Fair",
Hotel New Yorker (showing an industry wide display
of audio sound equipment).

Harvey Radio Corporation, 103 W. 43rd Street (for
details concerning a new pocket wire recorder).

Faurot, Inc., 299 Broadway (for details concerning
recently developed technical investigative equipment).

3. En route back to Washington, D. C., the writer stopped over for several hours in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to visit the Sirchie Fingerprint Laboratories, 922 Chestnut Street, for information regarding recently developed technical investigative equipment.



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5. Advertising pamphlets and catalogs were obtained from the above cited sources, and the writer located a number of items of equipment which he feels should be procured for the proposed training program. However, he will discuss the technical aspects of these items of equipment with appropriate technical specialists before submitting any request for procurement. Of particular interest were several brief case recorders, a pocket-type recorder, several field kits of value in the support of covert investigations and a number of miscellaneous items of investigative equipment. On the basis of a review of agency supply catalogs and a visit through the operational supply warehouse, as well as the technical offices concerned with such items, none of these items appear to be available within the agency. Representatives of TSS are cooperating with the writer in the search for such items of equipment.

6. Additional technical investigative equipment, essential to the proposed training program but not available within normal agency channels, has been located through the cooperation of Mr. [REDACTED] of the NEA Division. Secure arrangements have been for Mr. [REDACTED] of TSS and the writer to examine a sizeable display of such equipment, maintained by a covert project of NEA, in the near future.

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